

All this for just £5.30 per week*

YOUR 2025/26 COUNCIL TAX EXPLAINED INSIDE

Dear Worthing residents,

It's safe to say that this past year has been challenging for all across the country, as the cost of living crisis continues. Here in Worthing, we are feeling those pressures too.

Since 2016 our funding from central government has been cut by 50%, making it harder to deliver the essential services our residents rely on.

Despite these challenges, Worthing Borough Council remains focused on delivering - ensuring that vital services can continue to be run as sustainably as possible and in partnership with our communities.

This year we are developing a long-term strategy to ensure the pier, lido and seafront are protected and enhanced for future generations. Work will soon begin at Union Place, unlocking much-needed regeneration in this part of town, while Montague Gardens will be created - turning the heart of our town into a greener, more vibrant and welcoming space.

From waste collection to maintaining our parks, supporting local businesses and protecting our most vulnerable residents, we are working hard to make every penny count. Our teams are dedicated to ensuring cleaner streets, safer public spaces and a well-maintained environment for everyone who lives and works here.

At the same time, we remain committed to supporting those most in need. We continue to invest in emergency and temporary accommodation while prioritising homelessness prevention, ensuring as many people as possible can remain in their homes.

Through innovation, collaboration and careful financial planning, we will continue to deliver the services on which you, our communities, depend. As your local council, our mission is clear: to provide high-quality services, invest in the future, and build a town that works for everyone.

Get involved in shaping the future of our places in Worthing and inform our plans for devolution: www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/devolution



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Worthing Pier
has reopened,
with a new project
planned to protect
it for the future



The heart of the
town centre will be
transformed into
Montague Gardens

Over **£370,000**
given to **community**
projects from
developer funds
over the past year



Cllr Sophie Cox
Leader of Worthing Borough Council

* For Worthing BC services,
based on a Band D household



Just some of the things we do for your money



Council Tax Support worth **£6.89 million** to **5,346** households

Housing Benefit support to more than **3,069** households



2.63 million household bins collected, over **659,000** garden waste subscriber collections and an estimated **35 tonnes** of Waste Electrical Electronic Equipment removed

608 litter bins, **344** dog bins **30** on-street recycling bins & **320** park bins regularly emptied



Events bringing in investment, tourism and community cohesion:

106,300 people attended **88** events hosted on the council's open spaces

10,000 people attended 'Jack on the Green' over three nights (in partnership with Same Sky)

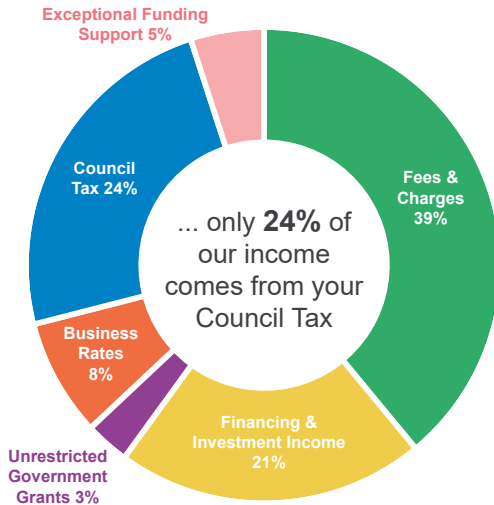
Helped over **96,000** people by phone and **27,000** face-to-face who contacted us for advice and guidance



70 sites managed including parks, recreation grounds, cemeteries and **6** Green Flag parks

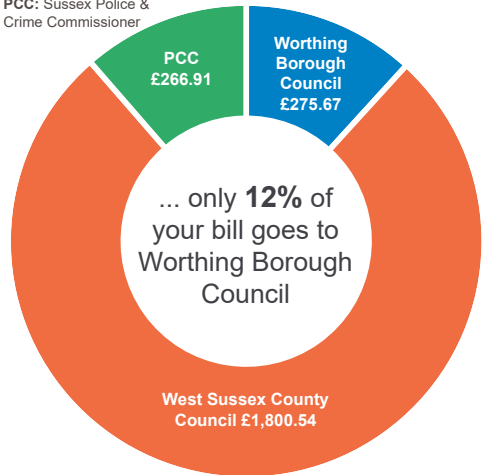
45 trees planted through the Trees for Streets scheme (January to December 2024)

Where our money comes from...



How your Council Tax bill is split...

PCC: Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



**Based on a Band D household*

New long-term investment

£6.5 million
on carbon reduction
- Worthing Heat Network

£3.1 million
investment in waste and cleansing

£0.7 million
investment in our car parks

£3.3 million
emergency and temporary
accommodation

£1.8 million
investment in a cycle scheme